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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Michel GARRAIT et al.

Filed: July 9, 1999

Serial No.: 09/350,152

For: PROCESS FOR THE PREPARATION OF)  
HYDROXYMETHYLBUTYRIC ACID )

Group Art Unit: 1623

Examiner: J. Calve

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

In reply to the Office Action dated June 28, 2001, the period for response having been extended one month to October 28, 2001, by the accompanying Petition and fee, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the subject application and continued examination of the claims in light of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please substitute claims 15 and 23 with the following amended claims 15 and 23:

15. (Amended) A process for the hydrolysis of 2-hydroxy-4-methylthiobutyronitrile comprising:

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